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22 March 1960

STAFF MEETING MINUTES - 22 March 1960

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PRESENT: Col. Burke

Mr. Cunningham

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Col. Geary

Mr. Parangosky

Mr. Kiefer

Mr. Reber

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2. AIRCRAFT TRANSFER AND FUEL PROBLEMS

a. U-2 Number 343 and U-2 Number 359, both equipped with J-57 engines, are now at Eilson Air Force Base, Alaska, on the west coast leg to Detachment C. Weather permitting, the ferry flights will continue to Detachment C this date. The reverse ferry flight of one aircraft from Detachment C to Eilson to Edwards has been delayed due to a continuing fuel contamination problem at Atsugi. It should be noted, however, that the addition of the two aircraft from Edwards would provide an increased operational capability, albeit creating a temporary storage problem.

b. The events leading up to the fuel contamination at Detachment C are as follows: Routine checks of LF-1A fuel, made approximately

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ten days ago, indicated that there was a certain amount of corrosive element in the product. With the exception of 5,000 gallons of useable fuel in the truck tank, it was determined that Detachment C would stand-down until fuel checked o.k. A thermal stability test was performed on the LF-1A fuel by a local firm [redacted] [redacted] not identifying Detachment C as the primary user). The results of this standard Koker test were forwarded to Pratt & Whitney and a decision made that this particular fuel was unsatisfactory. A similar test was performed on the mil spec fuel and results showed a good deal of scum and tight lace. As a back-up test, the fuel was allowed to stand for 24 hours and retesting produced the same results. A thermal stability test was then conducted on the mil spec fuel but the results have not yet been received at Headquarters.

In view of this contamination, Headquarters Materiel has recommended to Detachment C that the POL experts of 5th Air Force be consulted not only in assessing the condition of the fuel but also as an aid in examining the entire procedures followed by the Detachment.

As a double check, Pratt & Whitney is this date performing the Koker test on the LF-1A fuel, 5 to 6 gallons of which were forwarded from Detachment C for this purpose.

SUMMARY: As of this date, Detachment C has no over-flight or ferry capability due to the above situation.

ACTION: Materiel Branch and Col. Geary, the latter to have USAF POL experts examine fuel control procedures both at Hqs and the field.

NOTE : Detachment B is being kept advised of these developments in a routine manner.

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25X1 11. AIR OBJECTIVES STUDY - Preliminary work on the Air Objective Study has been completed by [] and he is now awaiting comments from Materiel and Admin Branches. A deadline of 1 April has been set for these inputs.

The operations paper was received on 18 March and Materiel is now preparing a paper which will cover logistics planning covering such aspects as the number of packs required, where to locate them and costs. The Admin Branch will cover the personnel requirements necessary to man proprietary airline companies and the cover aspects.

25X1 ACTION: [] Mr. Cunningham and []

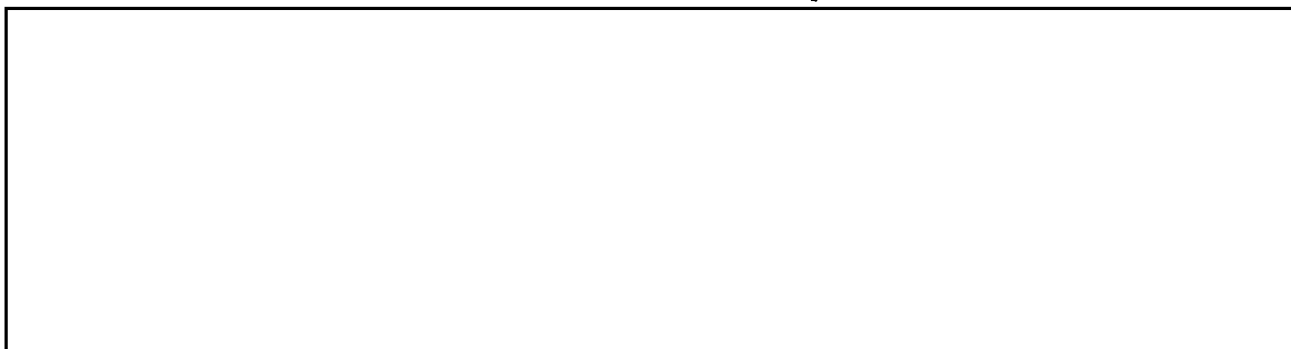
25X1 12. DPD FY 61-62 BUDGET - [] reported that all the branches are actively at work preparing figures for FY 61-62 budget and that he expects to be ready to begin a summary next week.

ACTION: All Branch Chiefs

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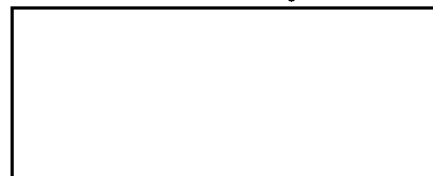
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15. CORONA - The next CORONA camera shot, Number 1055, has been delayed and pulled off the pad due to problems in the guidance system. April 7 has been set as a possible launch date for this shot.

It is anticipated that the next shot will be 1053 on 28 March, carrying a GRD payload.

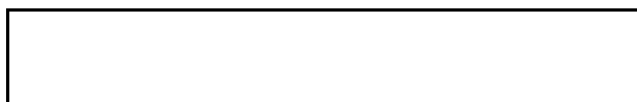
16. OTHER ITEMS - Mr. Reber reported on the latest meeting of the ARC which covered among other things the delivery of take to the Intell community. It was proposed that upon receipt of prints, a USIB briefing take place in the first instance so that everyone would have an immediate review of the results. It was further suggested that the Air Force receive two copies at the same time that the four were sent to PIC. Mr. Reber stated that he pointed out at the meeting that the four copies that were sent to PIC should not be considered a delivery to CIA, per se, but a delivery to the unit in the Intell community responsible for producing the ODE report. He raised the question at the meeting whether it was the Air Force desire to hold up delivery of the two to SAC so that all six could be forwarded at the same time, but the Air Force was noncommittal on this point and withheld judgement temporarily; however, it appeared that they were leaning in favor of this proposal since the delay would be only a matter of hours.



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